S E R V I C E N O T E

SUPERSEDES: NONE

4155C Semiconductor Parameter Analyzer

Serial Numbers: See below.

Firmware Update to Fix Some Problems

Duplicate Service Notes:

4155B-10 Serial Numbers: JP00A00000 / JP99Z99999 4156B-10 Serial Numbers: JP00A00000 / JP99Z99999 4155C-02 Serial Numbers: JP00A00000 / JP10J00250 4156C-02 Serial Numbers: JP00A00000 / JP10J00256

To be Performed by: Agilent-qualified personnel

Parts Required: None

Situation:

The following defects are fixed in the firmware (HOSTC 03.01, SMUC 04.02).

- SMU may oscillate when voltage is forced with DV in FLEX mode under the following conditions:
 - Setting except 2 V range before measurement.
 - Measuring with 2 V range / 100 mA compliance setting.

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DATE: June 2001

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

SERVICE NOTE CLASSIFICATION:		
MODIFICATION RECOMMENDED		
ACTION CATEGORY:	☐ IMMEDIATELY ■ ON SPECIFIED FAILURE ☐ AGREEABLE TIME	STANDARDS: LABOR 0.5 Hours
LOCATION CATEGORY:	☐ CUSTOMER INSTALLABLE☐ ON-SITE☐ SERVICE CENTER	SERVICE
AVAILABILITY:	PRODUCT'S SUPPORT LIFE	AGILENT RESPONSIBLE UNTIL: June 2003
AUTHOR: TW	ENTITY: 3300	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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- Correct status bit may not be read by using the SPOLL command in US/US42 mode.
- FLEX "WV/WI/QSV Sweep Step Value Too Small" error may occur even if the correct parameters are set.
- Wrong spelling is displayed during NFS mounting.
- HRVSVMU selftest fails intermittently (for 4155C/56C only).

Solution/Action:

Update the firmware to the HOSTC 03.01 and SMUC 04.02 by using the following procedure:

1. Go to the following location:

ftp://hpyidmk.jpn.agilent.com/dist/dc_para/4155C/firmware/HOSTC03.01/SMUC04.02/

- 2. Save the 'h0301_s0402.zip' file to a local temporary directory. (Use the BINARY transfer mode to get the file.)
- 3. Extract directories and files from the 'h0301_s0402.zip' file, which is a 'zip' type compressed file. Four directories (disk1, disk2, disk3, and disk4) are created.
- 4. Copy the files in each directory to a 3.5-inch disk and label the disk. For example, after you have copied the files in the 'disk1' directory, label it "disk1".
- 5. Turn off the 4155B/56B/55C/56C.
- 6. Insert "disk1" into the 4155B/56B/55C/56C and turn on the 4155B/56B/55C/56C.
- 7. Press the {Yes} primary softkey to start the firmware update.
- 8. Replace the disks according to the displayed instructions. You use the disks in the following sequence:

Note that "disk1" is used twice.

- 9. Wait until the update process completes.
- 10.Remove the disk and cycle the power.
- 11. Check the HOSTC and SMUC revisions on the [System]->{Config} page.

To do this update, 41501A,B SMU/PGU Expander is not necessary.